



## *Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities*

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*"To ensure the opportunity to make choices regarding participation in society  
and quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities"*

### Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2014

Kanza Café, 2701 SW East Circle Drive South  
Topeka, KS 66606

**Members Present:** Shogren (Wehmeyer), Kelley, Johnson, Fairbank, King, Santiago,  
Linnenkamp, Story, Wilson, Nichols, Brennon, Nichols, Kennedy(Smith)

**Staff Present:** Gieber, Cobbs, Knutson

**Members Absent:** Excused: Jones, Meier-Hummel, Mattison, Coates

**Guests:** LaRae Santiago, Donna Beauchamp, Gary Deeter

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**Call to Order:** Wilson officially called the meeting to order at 9:10am.

**Public comment:** **Guest Speaker, Gary Deeter** appeared before the council with his concerns & findings on the closing of KNI vs community placement in regards to the US House of Representatives appropriation bill included language that clarifies the intent of the Olmstead ACT: "...that the majority of the Supreme Court held that the ADA does not condone or require removing individuals from institutional settings when they are unable to handle or benefit from a community-based setting, and that Federal Law does not require the imposition of community-based treatment on patients who do not desire it. (pp 44-45, House Appropriations document accompanying HB 4660)

**SACK** – Linnenkamp gave a report of the Self Advocates Becoming Empowered Conference held on October 9-12, 2014 in Oklahoma City, OK. KCDD awarded \$3,000 toward the cost for 8 Self Advocates and 2 Support Staff to attend the conference.

**May Minutes:** An open discussion on July 24, 2014 Minutes.

**KCDD Budget:** Gieber provided an update on the 2014 Financial Budget and council expense activities.

**Contract Review:** **Project SEARCH** – Knutson - To date there are 12 current Project SEARCH sites in Kansas, including 2 adult programs. All sites were represented at the Annual Project SEARCH conference in Omaha, NE on July 21-25, 2014. There were 5 sites who were recognized for outstanding outcomes during the 2013-2014 school year with a successful out come in Kansas 75+% for 2013-2014 school year. There are currently 58 interns for the 2014-2015 school year with 3 of then already offered a position.

**Employment Leadership Center** - Knutson – KCDD have partnered with SACK on the Leadership Project and have participated in 3 Building Community Leadership Trainings (July, Aug, Oct). Also participated in November 2014 KLC Leadership Summit and anticipate completion Fall 2015.

**iPad Project** – Knutson – Reviewing United Health Care iPad Pilot Project Manual.

**Prevention of Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation RFP** – Knutson – RFP was for \$50,000 but Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization is only requesting \$5,000 for 21 trainings targeting 1,438 individuals in intellectual and developmental disabilities using the Stop Abuse For Everybody (SAFE) curriculum developed by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape through a fund from the Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council. The Council could take the opportunity to fund a sole source contract to achieve the grant objectives.

**PPR** - Due Dec. 31, 2014

**Kansas Commerce DEI** – Received their grant with input from KCDD.

**Workforce Summit** – working on a plan to bring workforce professionals, employers, advocates and people with disabilities to work on increasing employment opportunities in Kansas right after the 2015 Workforce Summit

**Employment System Change Grant** – We held a conference call with Stephen Hall who was identified as the lead staff in the response to the grant we posted. We discussed some of his past experience and his approach to the project.

**NACDD Report:** Gieber provided the council with an update report on NACDD Executive Training in Jackson Hole, WY. Executive Directors had the opportunity to engage in discussions with Commissioner Aaron Bishop, learn about the Social Power of Self-Advocacy and participate in panel presentations on strategic planning and Council structure.

**Policy Review:** Discussion on Conflict of Interest Statement for all council member to sign and a

review of the Board Approval of Chairperson Expenses. (Chapter 5: Delegation of spending authority 5.11)

**Legislative Priority:** Brief discussion the KCDD Legislative Position A copy of the revised paper is attached.

**Underserved  
Waiting List:**

Nichols provided an update on the Underserved I/DD Waiver. He reported the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has found that the policy the State of Kansas was initiating forcing individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to languish on what is called an “Underserved Waiting List” for enrollment would receive some, but not all of the waiver services for which they were determined eligible. CMS found that this practice of “underserving” Kansans with I/DD is a violation of Federal Law. CMS mandated the elimination of the “underserved” waiting list and required Kansas to meet all assessed service needs no later than July 31, 2014.

**HCBS Notice:** **KDADS** - Fairbank reported KDADS has posted information on their website of the HCBS Programs Proposed Changes for the Frail Elderly, Intellectual/Developmental Disability, Physical Disability, Traumatic Brain Injury. Visit their website [www.KDADS.ks.gov](http://www.KDADS.ks.gov) for more information and comments.

**Votes:** **CFI/ Employment System Change Plan Grant.** King made a motion approve \$94,000 grant to Griffin- Hammis Associates. Linnenkamp seconds. Motion passed. Kelley: Should be representation in stakeholders group.

Story made a motion to award **(ANE) Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Grant** to Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization for \$5,000. Santiago second. Motion passed.

A request for the remaining \$45,000 from ANE will be used in statewide coverage training with the assistance of an ANE Committee. Johnson motion to approve the request for ANE statewide training. Johnson second. Motion passed.

**Work Force Summit & KCDD** merge for ½ day Employment Summit Advocacy. Fairbank made a motion for \$10,000 to be awarded for the summit. King second. Motion passed.

**Policy Change** – Linnenkamp made a motion to let the KCDD Policy reflect the change of the Chairperson expenses to be approved by executive committee instead of the full council. Fairbank second. Motion passed.

Santiago made a motion to approve the **July 25, 2014 Minutes** as written. Johnson second. Motion passed.

**Dates for 2015 KCDD Council Meetings**

February 6, 2015 – Kanza Café

May 14-15, 2015 – To be announced

August 7, 2015 – Kanza Café

November 13, 2015 – Kanza Cafe

**Adjournment: 2:30pm**

**Attachment: Policy Paper Draft**

12.9.14

**KCDD Kansas Policy Priorities 2015 (DRAFT 12.9.2014)**

The Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities will draw from the values identified in the Federal DD Act in the evaluating and responding to current and future policy issues. These values are Independence, Productivity, Integration, Capacity Building, Self-Determination, & Inclusion in the Community Free of Abuse Neglect and Exploitation.

The Council will supported these values while honoring the values of Respect, Innovation, Accountability, Transparency, and Partnerships.

**Policy Position:**

The Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities supports the concepts of

- People need to be supported in their home communities with the resource needed to live self-defined successful lives.
- Support the continued movement to fully implement the Employment First Initiative.
  - Provide a rate structure that incentivizes the provision of integrated competitive employment.
- Current research, technology and resources need to be disseminated and exploited to support people in the community.
- Ensure rates are adequate so that workers who provide direct supports to people with disabilities are well trained and paid a living wage with benefits.
- As KanCare continues to evolve insure that effective oversight and measures to protect people's current and future access to supports and services are in place.

- Encourage the state to develop the capacity to effect changes in service systems without disruption to the person receiving services.
- Encourage the state to collection adequate and reliable data prior to the transition of services.
- Reduce or eliminate the use of restraint and seclusion in all settings.
- Establishing a timeline to end the provision of long-term services in state run DD

Institutional settings and direct funds to help eliminate the waiting list.

- We encourage the redirecting of resources to increase the community's capacity to support all people including those with challenging/significant medical and behavioral support needs.